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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Takashi NIWA et al. :
Serial No. 09/740,664 : Group Art Unit: 2878
Filed: December 19, 2000 :
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE : Examiner - Thanh X. Luu
HAVING CANTILEVER AND :
PROBE FORMED OF TRANS- :
PARENT MATERIAL, METHOD :
FOR MANUFACTURING NEAR- :
FIELD OPTICAL PROBE, AND :
OPTICAL APPARATUS HAVING :
NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL :
PROBE (As Amended) : Docket No. S004-4168

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MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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In further response to the Office Action dated March
31, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

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